Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claim will replace all prior versions and listings of claim in the application.

1. (previously presented) A computer-implemented method for determining whether information in an electronic document should be updated, comprising the steps of:

identifying, in the electronic document, a string having a unique identifier associated with the string, wherein the unique identifier indicates the type of reference material source that will contain information associated with the string;

after the step of identifying, creating a request for information including the unique identifier;

selecting one of a plurality of types of reference material sources based on the request for information, wherein the selected reference material source includes information associated with the string;

accessing the selected reference material source to obtain the information associated with the string;

comparing the obtained information to the string to determine whether the string should be updated with the obtained information; and

if the obtained information is different than the string in the electronic document, replacing the string with the obtained information.

2. (previously presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprises the step of:

if the obtained information matches the string, determining that the string is valid.

3. (canceled)

4. (previously presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the string is a name and the selected reference material source is an address book database.

5. (previously presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the string is an address and the selected reference material source is an address book database.

6. (previously presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the string is a value associated with a stock symbol and the selected reference material source is a real time stock quote database.

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23. (Withdrawn) A computer-implemented method for integrating a dictionary into a user interface of an application program, comprising the steps of:

integrating a dictionary into an application program so that in response to a selection of a dictionary control provided in the user interface of the application program, a dictionary interface is displayed on a display device;

receiving a request for a selected word;

creating a request for a definition of the selected word;

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based upon the request for a definition, selecting one of a plurality of dictionary files corresponding to different fields having a specialized vocabulary;

upon selection of the dictionary file, accessing the selected dictionary file to obtain the definition of the selected word; and

providing the definition of the selected word so that the definition is displayed in the dictionary interface.

24. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 23, wherein receiving a request for a selected word comprises:

receiving the selected word via the dictionary interface.

25. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 23, wherein the dictionary interface includes a language control and wherein receiving a request for a selected word comprises:

receiving a selected language via the dictionary interface.

26. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 23, wherein the dictionary interface includes a language control and wherein selecting one of a plurality of dictionary files comprises:

selecting one of a plurality of dictionary files associated with a language specified by the language control.